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ference. There is much uneasiness here on their account.

This party left Bristol, England, on December 30th, aboard the steamer Port Kingston, for Kingston. It was composed of about sixty prominent British statesmen and agricultural experts. It formed an expedition to the West Indies in the interest of cotton-growing in the British colonies, on the invitation of Sir Alfred Jones, the president of the British Cotton-Growing Association. In addition to Sir Alfred, there were in the party:

### Distinguished Party.

F. Swansay, a West African merchant; Viscount Mount Morris, Arnold Forster, M. P.; P. Murray Hunter, of the Liverpool Cotton Association; A. A. Pearson, of the British Colonial Office; Sir Thomas Hughes, of Liverpool; McDowell Nathan, a leading Jamaica merchant; C. Lancaster, representing the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Oliver, representing the Manchester fine spinners; Sir Thomas Shann, representing the Manchester cotton spinners; Sir Ralph Moor; L. Rivet, chairman of the Jamaica Cotton Company, Limited, of Stockport; Hal Caine, the author; E. Bryan, secretary to Sir Alfred Jones; Mr. Hutton, chairman of the British Cotton-Growing Association; Mr. Cotterell, a member of the West African section of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce; James Collings, M. P.; and Hon. Mr. Heaton, M. P. Other passengers aboard the Port Kingston, bound to Kingston, were the Earl and Countess of Dudley, Evelyn Ellis, Percival Phillips and Captain Rhodes.

A conference of spinners and planters had been planned to be held at Kingston.

## ONE HUNDRED LOST AND MANY INJURED

Fire Still Burning and Valuable Property Is Being Destroyed.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., January 15.—According to further, though still meagre, details of the Kingston earthquake received here, it would appear that the first reports that the city had been "destroyed" were exaggerated. The fire which followed the shock was still burning Tuesday morning, although it had been confined to certain limits. The work of fighting the flames was still being pushed with energy, and in this respect the situation seemed to be improving. It was thought the fire would be under control to-night.

The statement is made that the total loss of life has not yet been ascertained, but a first count gives the number of dead at least one hundred, and the number of injured at several hundred. The hospitals are filled with injured persons, and everything possible is being done for their comfort.

The principal hotel of Kingston (probably the Myrtle Bank Hotel) and other important buildings have been destroyed. Other houses in Kingston sustained considerable damage.

The flames are apparently confined to the docks and the warehouses in the city. If this is so only a small portion of the city has been burned over. No mention is made of a continuance of the earth shocks.

### KINGSTON STILL AFIRE.

Cable to Trust Company Mentions No Loss of Life.

BOSTON, January 15.—The officials of the United Fruit Company received a cablegram from the company's representative at Port Antonio to-night, stating that an earthquake occurred at Kingston on Monday and that part of the city was on fire. No mention was made of any loss of life.

The cablegram was sent from the cable station at Holland Bay, which is located some miles from Port Antonio. From in the swampy section of the island, the tone of the cablegram, the officials of the company in this city say they are of the opinion that the reports of the calamity have been exaggerated.

Allen A. Ansley, of the firm of Ansley & Grabow, proprietors of the Titchfield Hotel, at Port Antonio, received a cablegram to-night from his partner, Edward S. Grabow, at Port Antonio, stating that Kingston was shaken by an earthquake yesterday afternoon, and that a fire was raging there.

## KINGSTON RUINED AND MANY KILLED

London Gets News From Member of Parliament Now on Island.

LONDON, January 15.—The Colonial Office to-night received confirmation of the terrible disaster which has overtaken Kingston, Jamaica, in a dispatch from Hamar Greenwood, M. P., sent from Holland Bay, at the east end of the island.

The telegraph says that Kingston has

been ruined by an earthquake which occurred without warning Monday afternoon at 3:30. A very great number of buildings and dwellings were destroyed, either by the earthquake or by the consequent fire.

The military hospital was burned and forty soldiers were reported to have been killed, together with several prominent citizens, and many other of the inhabitants of the city.

Sir James Ferguson is reported to have been instantly killed, but no other Englishmen, Canadians or Americans are missing.

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